Ted Stevens
United States Senator for Alaska

Please Note:
- Fill out one request form for each request
- This form (and any attachments) can be returned via:

Fax –   (202) 224-2354
Mail –   The Honorable Ted Stevens
          United States Senate
          522 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
          Washington, D.C. 20510
- Requests are due by February 15, 2008.

FISCAL YEAR 2009 PROJECT REQUEST FORM

Project Name: SEARCH National Technical Assistance and Training Program

Project Location: This is a national program.

Project Description (please attach additional pages as required):

SEARCH is the National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics, a non-profit criminal justice support organization comprised of governors' appointees from all 50 states. Each state pays dues. Through the National Technical Assistance and Training Program, SEARCH provides no-cost services to small and medium sized criminal justice agencies throughout the country. For over 15 years the National Training and Technical Assistance Program has been the only no-cost service for small- and medium-sized criminal justice agencies to assist them in: 1) enhancing and upgrading their information systems; 2) building integrated information systems that all criminal justice agencies need; and 3) ensuring compatibility between local systems and state, regional, and national systems. SEARCH has provided training and technical assistance in every state. SEARCH's National Training and Technical Assistance Program has received rave reviews, not only from those local, regional and state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies that have received its services, but also from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which administers the grants to SEARCH.

Related Appropriations Bill: Commerce, Justice, Science

Amount of federal funding requested for FY09: $2,000,000

Total funding to complete this project: Ongoing

Number of years to fund this project: Ongoing

Matching funds from the State of Alaska: N/A

Matching funds from local and private entities:

N/A

If this project was funded in prior appropriations bills (within the last five years), list each bill and the amount funded:

Commerce, Justice, Science - Byrne Discretionary Grant Program
2006 - $2,000,000
2005 - $1,750,000
2004 - $2,000,000
2003 - $2,000,000

Amount included in the President's FY09 Budget: N/A

Amount included in the State of Alaska FY09 Budget: N/A

☐ Check this box if state funding was sought but not provided.

List legislation that authorizes this project:

Department of Justice Reauthorization Bill (Public Law 109-162) under Chapter 5 Subtitle C, Section 1184

Check all that apply:

☐ A change in the current law is necessary in order to proceed with the project. (If so, attach language and a list of laws that need to be amended)

☐ Bill or report language is needed. (If so, attach requested language)

Impact in the Field

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In an average year, SEARCH:

- Conducts approximately 400 in-house and onsite **technical assistance** activities.
- Produces 45 **national events:** conferences, symposia, training sessions, workshops, focus groups and task force meetings.
- Authors 12 **national publications:** technical guides, research reports, white papers and conference proceedings.
- **Trains** more than 2,200 justice and public safety practitioners.
- **Researches and analyzes** critical issues involving criminal history record information collection, maintenance and exchange via 7 national surveys.

Who We Are

SEARCH is a nonprofit Membership organization comprised of gubernatorial appointees from the 50 states, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We provide **no-cost services** to justice and public safety entities at the state, local and tribal levels. With direction from our Membership, we:
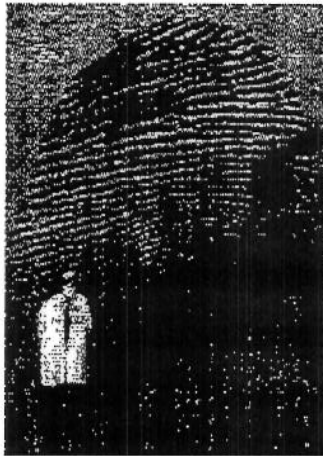
- Develop standards and models to improve the exchange of information among state, local and tribal law enforcement and public safety, fusion centers and federal partners to keep our neighborhoods safe

- Address timely justice, public safety and first responder information management laws, policies and procedures as issues and events change the justice and public safety landscape

- Provide tailored assistance that helps sites plan for, procure, upgrade, implement and manage information technology

- Prepare police, fire and EMS agencies for successful communications during natural disasters and terrorist attacks

- Teach high-tech investigators the skills they need to stay ahead of criminals in the fight against crime

SEARCH **collaborates** with other agencies, organizations and associations to support IT initiatives and facilitate information sharing, such as rap sheet standards, Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, National Information Exchange Model (NIEM), and the FBI's National Data Exchange Project (N-DEx).

Recent Areas of Impact

Information Sharing.

SEARCH's training and technical assistance efforts help agencies to use Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM) standards, among other national standards and models, to facilitate data exchange. SEARCH recently helped a large county in California develop a methodology for automated fingerprint identification exchange and livescan integration with the state Department of Justice, and also helped the Pennsylvania State Police in their efforts to develop a new GJXDM-conformant computerized criminal history system.

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Information Technology Implementation.

In two recent statewide efforts, SEARCH technical assistance was critical to their efforts to implement IT solutions. SEARCH helped one state by constructing a project plan for its initiative to implement a new computer-aided dispatch, records management system, automated field reporting and crime analysis technology. For another state, SEARCH helped its strategic planning efforts by undertaking research of 85 law enforcement agencies in the state to identify future IT needs and priorities.

Communications Interoperability.

SEARCH helped a number of states and major cities prepare for full-scale exercises that tested their tactical interoperable communications plans, which detail how the site's police, fire and EMS first responders would communicate during the first hours of a large-scale emergency. SEARCH also led teams that evaluated the exercises.

"It [a 2006 SEARCH technical assistance conference] was one of the most well-organized and well-presented conferences I've ever attended during my 38 years in Law Enforcement."
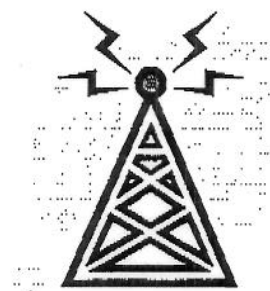
—Chief Detective
Starke County (Indiana)
Sheriff's Department

SEARCH develops an online software tool that helps organizations achieve integral justice by documenting, analyzing and understanding business processes and information flows involved in information exchange

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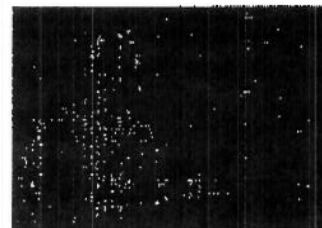*rly demonstrating your commitment to*

New Hampshire Attorney General

SEARCH offers **online access** to:
- State laws and regulations relating to the privacy and security of criminal history record information.
- State, local and regional justice information-sharing initiatives.
- The ISP List, an essential resource for law enforcement investigators.

Cybercrime Training/Assistance.

Through classes and technical workshops, SEARCH trains and assists investigators in methods to prevent, detect and investigate the rising tide of cybercrime, such as fraud, email threats, online stalking and child exploitation. Recently, SEARCH's cybercrime experts developed resource materials—such as a cell phone investigation toolkit and digital forensics guides—that immediately provided critical operational guidance to practitioners on emerging technological issues in high-tech crime. A small, local sheriff's office in North Carolina was able to apply techniques it learned in a SEARCH training course, with immediate operational impact. The very first time detectives were able to use their new forensics skills to conduct an undercover online investigation in a community chat room, they caught and arrested an adult male soliciting minors to commit an unlawful sex act.

It only took an hour and 16 minutes between the time the chat session began until the suspect arrived at the meeting spot. The agency made plans to develop a computer forensics unit so it could apply other techniques learned from SEARCH.

SEARCH developed and conducts a **cellular telephone forensics training course**, *the first of its kind in the nation*, that instructs law enforcement investigators in digital evidence recovery methods.

SEARCH provides **Law Enforcement Tech Guides** to justice and public safety agencies in every state. These offer guidance on topics ranging from communications interoperability, IT security policies, and performance measures to IT planning and implementation.

Technical Assistance Focus Areas

- Information sharing architecture and service oriented architecture evaluation and development
- GJXDM and NIEM information exchange package documentation
- Effective governance structures development
- Acquisition document development (RFI/RFP)
- Systems evaluation
- Information exchange analysis

- Business process modeling and training
- Documentation review
- Needs analysis and assessment
- Policy and procedure development
- Strategic planning
- IT procurement planning
- Security assessments
- Legal, policy and technical research
- Infrastructure assessment
- Meeting facilitation

- Requirements development
- Technology planning workshops
- Statistical analysis
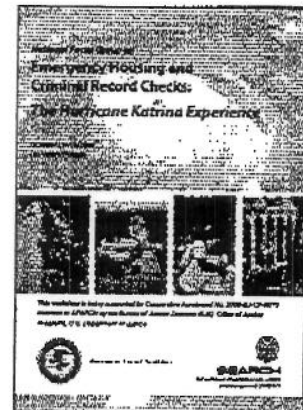- Standards development (XML, data exchange, functional, performance management)
- Information security policy development
- Computer forensics policy and unit development
- Performance measures development

Criminal History Records Systems.

SEARCH convened an October 2006 national focus group that addressed a range of issues involved with post-Hurricane Katrina criminal history record checks of evacuees, aid providers and others. These issues affect Gulf States, as well as the many other states that welcomed evacuees. The focus group examined the ways such checks could be conducted fairly, effectively and completely should the need arise in the future.

Continued Impact

SEARCH has dedicated itself for 38 years to improving justice and public safety. SEARCH continues to maintain its efforts to support the information sharing, interoperability, IT, cybercrime and criminal records systems needs of justice and public safety agencies and practitioners in all 50 states. For more information, visit our website at www.search.org or contact us at (916) 392-2550.